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Application No.: 10/603,674

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Examiner: Hilary L. Gutman

For: STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT SYSTEM FOR AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. Payment of the issue fee
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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
An amendment

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 790.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | ADDIT. FEE |
| TOTAL | 22 | - 24 = 0 x \$ 50.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| INDEP. | 3 | - 3 = 0 x \$ 200.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | + \$ 360.00 | = \$ 0.00 | |
| | | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | \$ 0.00 |

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

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| Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) | \$790.00 |
| Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) | \$0.00 |
| Total Fee(s) Due: | \$790.00 |

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$790.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 50-1097.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application has amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.